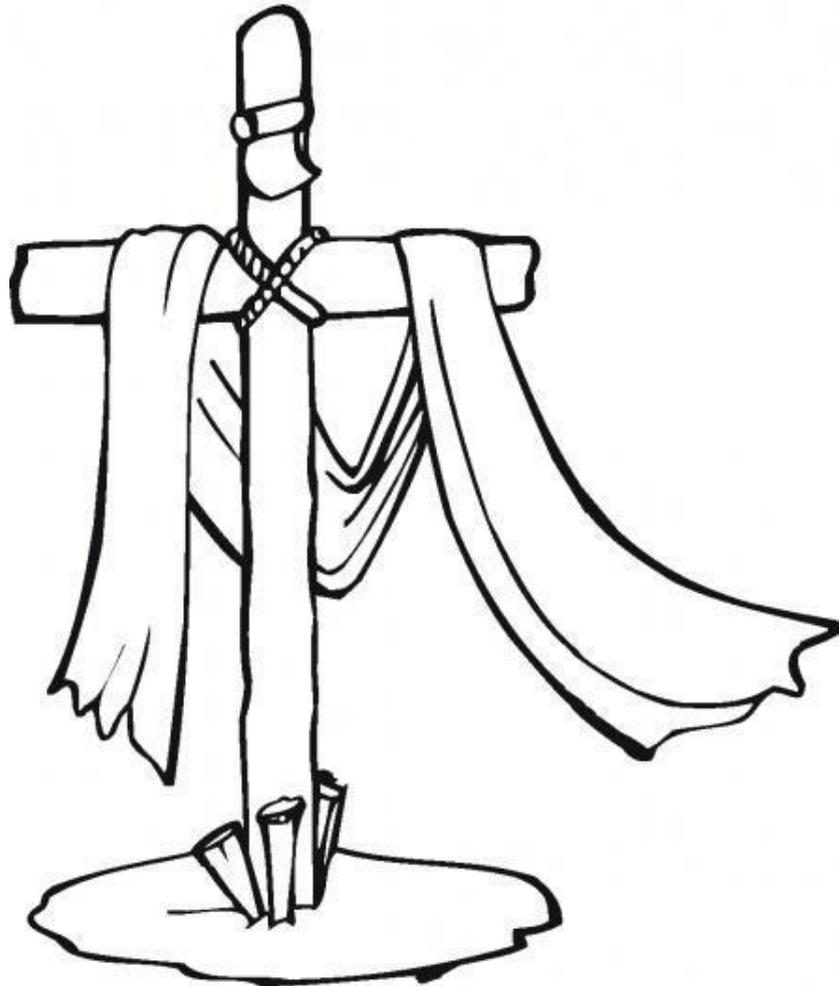




# St. Cross Parish Church

Clayton, Manchester



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

*The ministers enter in silence and prostrate themselves. All kneel for silent prayer. When all are standing the presider may greet the people with the following:*

## COLLECT

Almighty Father,  
look with mercy on this your family  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed  
and given up into the hands of sinners  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SIT FOR THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

Since, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him,

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

## STAND FOR THE PASSION READING

*[The congregation may be seated until the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17) at which time all stand. A moment of silence is appropriately kept at Christ's death (after John 19:30).*

*The term "the Jews" in St. John's Gospel whilst generally at that time a title for Judeans, applies in this context to particular individuals rather than the whole Jewish people. Insofar as we ourselves turn against Christ, we are responsible for his death.]*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

John 18.1–end of 19

*At the end*

This is the Passion of the Lord.

*No response is made.*

## **The Sermon**

## **THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION**

*Stand or kneel. The biddings are read by a deacon or other person appointed. The presider says the collects.*

Let us pray for the one holy catholic and apostolic Church of Christ throughout the world:  
for its unity in witness and service,  
for all bishops and other ministers  
and the people whom they serve,  
for David our bishop, and all the people of this diocese,  
for all Christians in this community,  
for those about to be baptised  
that God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

*Faithful and compassionate God,  
your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy;  
hear the prayers we offer;  
that in the particular ministry  
to which you have called us,  
we may serve you faithfully,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth,  
and for those in authority among them:  
for the Prime Minister  
and for the government of this country,  
and for all who serve the common good,  
that by God's help they may seek justice and truth,  
that all might live in peace and harmony.

Silence

*Faithful and compassionate God,  
kindle, we pray, in every heart  
the true love of peace,  
and guide with your wisdom those in authority,  
that justice, peace, and freedom may increase,  
until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

Let us pray for all who suffer:  
for the hungry and the homeless,  
the deprived and the oppressed,  
for the sick, the wounded, and the handicapped,  
for those in loneliness and in fear,  
for those in confusion, doubt, and despair,  
for the sorrowful and bereaved,  
for prisoners,  
and all at the point of death,  
that God's love will comfort and sustain them, and that we may be stirred up to minister to them.

Silence

*Faithful and compassionate God,  
the comfort of all who sorrow,  
the strength of all who suffer;  
hear the cry of all who call on you in any trouble,  
grant them the joy  
of receiving your help in their need,  
and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

Let us pray for all who do not believe the gospel of Christ:  
for those who have never heard the message of  
salvation,  
for those who have lost their faith,  
for those who are indifferent to Christ,  
for those who actively oppose Christ by word or deed,  
and persecute Christ's disciples,  
for those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others,  
that God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

Silence

*Faithful and compassionate God,  
you create and love all the peoples of the earth;  
may your good news be so lived and proclaimed,  
that all are brought home to your presence,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

Let us commit ourselves to God,  
and pray for the grace of a holy life,  
that with all who have died in the peace of Christ,  
and with those whose faith is known to God alone,  
we may enter the fullness of life  
in the joy of Christ's resurrection.

Silence

*God, our refuge and strength,  
accept the fervent prayers of your people,  
and bring to fulfilment your plan for all creation,  
through Jesus Christ your Firstborn,  
who is alive with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## **SIT OR KNEEL FOR THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CROSS**

*A wooden cross may now be brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.  
The following is said (three times if desired):*

This is the wood of the cross,  
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

**Come, let us worship.**

*Worshippers are encouraged to focus on the cross during the following devotion.*

My people, what wrong have I done to you?  
How have I offended you? Answer me!  
Through baptism, I led you from slavery to freedom,  
but you lead your Saviour to the cross.

**Holy God, holy and merciful,  
holy and just, have mercy upon us.**

I led you through the wilderness.  
I fed you with the bread of life,  
the manna from heaven,  
but you lead your Saviour to the cross.

**Holy God, holy and merciful,  
holy and just, have mercy upon us.**

I planted you as my fairest vineyard,  
I grafted you into the one true vine,  
I gave you the water of salvation,  
but you give me gall and vinegar to drink,  
and leave me thirsting upon a cross.

**Holy God, holy and merciful,  
holy and just, have mercy upon us.**

I gave you a royal sceptre,  
but you give me a crown of thorns.  
I raised you up to newness of life,  
but you raise me high upon a cross.

**Holy God, holy and merciful,  
holy and just, have mercy upon us.**

What more could I have done for you?  
I gave you my peace and my truth,  
but you fight in my name,

and divide my Church.

**Holy God, holy and merciful,  
holy and just, have mercy upon us.**

I come in your brother and sister,  
hungry, yet you give me no food,  
thirsty, yet you give me no drink,  
a stranger, and you do not welcome me,  
naked, and you do not clothe me,  
sick and in prison, and you do not visit me.

**Holy God, holy and merciful,  
holy and just, have mercy upon us.**

*The Sacrament is brought from the Altar of Repose and placed on the Altar.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed**

*The Communion is administered in one kind (bread) in silence*

*The service may conclude with the following.*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

God of our redemption,  
abundantly bless your people  
who have devoutly recalled the death of Christ;  
grant us forgiveness, renew us, strengthen our faith,  
and increase in us the fullness of life;  
we ask this through Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

#### FINAL PRAYER

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ,  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**PLEASE LEAVE THE CHURCH IN SILENCE**